

Family Engagement

Introduction

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) -- the main federal law affecting education from kindergarten through high school. One of the four principles of NCLB includes more choices for parents. In addition to a natural parent, NCLB defines a parents as a legal guardian or other person standing in *loco parentis* (such as grandparent or stepparent with whom the child lives, or a person who is legally responsible for the child's welfare). Under NCLB, the participation of parents is regular, two way, and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.

Questions

1. The local school system shares information with parents about student academic standards, assessments, and data with parents through:
 - Power School or electronic grade book access
 - MSDE website
 - Individual letters sent to parents
 - Report cards
 - Parent programs / workshops
 - School websites
 - Connect Ed-automated phone messaging service
 - Edline-online service each teacher communicates class work, assignments, syllabi, announcements, etc.
 - Parent conferences

2. SCPS provides professional development to instructional and non-instructional staff, grades preK-12, on working with parents through:
 - Training of new teachers
 - Training of school staff at School Improvement Team meetings
 - Workshops offered through MSDE (PBIS)
 - Informally as situations present themselves
 - One on one coaching as needed
 - District workshops

CATEGORY	STRATEGY, PROGRAM, OR PRACTICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	FUNDING SOURCE AND COST
Hired .5 FTE staff as Parent Involvement coordinator Timeline: August 2011-June 2012	Staffing	Source: Restricted Title I Cost: \$38,777
Continue use of Connect Ed to get information to parents Timeline: August 2011		Source: Unrestricted Cost: 6,964
Continue use of Edline		Source: Unrestricted Cost: \$4,812
Parent Involvement Activities at Elementary Schools		Source: Restricted Title I Cost: \$14,083
Parent Involvement activities at High Schools		Source: Restricted RTTT 84.395 Cost: \$4,000